

Amendments to the Claims

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

Claim 1 (Currently Amended)

A method for placing reinforcing strips for supporting a reinforced earth wall, in which front ends (F) of the reinforcing strips ~~10~~ are inserted into reinforcing strip insertion grooves ~~22~~ of blocks ~~20~~ forming the surface of the reinforced earth wall under the condition that the front ends (F) of the reinforcing strips ~~10~~ are folded into halves in the lengthwise direction to have a half width.

Claim 2 (Currently Amended)

The method as set forth in claim 1, wherein the reinforcing strips ~~10~~ are arranged on a reinforced earth ~~50~~ in a zigzag shape, and the front end (F) of the reinforcing strips are sequentially and continuously inserted into the reinforcing strip insertion grooves ~~22~~ of the neighboring blocks ~~20~~.

Claim 3 (Currently Amended)

The method as set forth in claim 2, wherein rear ends (R) of the reinforcing strips ~~10~~ are folded in the widthwise direction, and the folded rear ends of the reinforcing strips are fixed to the reinforced earth 50 by temporary fixing nails ~~30~~ or fixed to resistors ~~40~~ by fixing pins ~~42~~.

Claim 4 (Currently Amended)

The method as set forth in claim 2, wherein the rear ends (R) of the reinforcing strips ~~10~~ are erected in the lengthwise direction, and is buried under the reinforcing earth ~~50~~ or inserted into resistors ~~40~~ by fixing pins ~~42~~.

Claim 5 (Currently Amended)

The method as set forth in claim 1, wherein the front ends (F) of the reinforcing strips ~~10~~ are independently connected to the reinforcing strip insertion grooves ~~22~~ of the blocks ~~20~~, and rear ends (R) of the reinforcing strips are individually buried under a reinforced earth ~~50~~.

Claim 6 (Currently Amended)

A reinforcing strip, for supporting a reinforced earth

wall, comprising a plurality of fabric bundles arranged in parallel and coated with resin,

wherein a folding groove 16 is formed in a central portion of the reinforcing strip 10 in the lengthwise direction so that the central portion of the reinforcing strip has a smaller thickness than other portions of the reinforcing strip.

Claim 7 (Currently Amended)

The reinforcing strip as set forth in claim 6, wherein the folding groove 16 is formed in upper and lower surfaces of the reinforcing strip 10.

Claim 8 (Currently Amended)

The reinforcing strip as set forth in claim 6, wherein protrusions 18 for displaying the length of the reinforcing strip are formed on the surface of the reinforcing strip 10 such that the protrusions 18 are separated from each other by a designated interval.